Colorado for Family Values

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Dear Larry:

I recently received a copy of the "Rainbow Vision Plan," along with statements of concern about its pragmatic results, from some of Colorado for Family Values' supporters living in Manitou Springs. After reading the purpose statement, I see some reason for their concerns. Please allow me to articulate them for your information.

First, the word "rainbow" is a code word for the homosexual lobby and becoming recognized around the nation as a symbol for homosexuality. One of the logos for the homosexual lobby is a flag depicting the many colors of the rainbow. As a matter of fact, this is what the homosexual lobby fully intended to do: use the rainbow specifically for their purposes. The "Rainbow Curriculum" in New York city was a radically pro-homosexual education plan that eventually cost a top level school official his job. The "Rainbow Coalition" is a national pro-homosexual group. Symbols and words have specific meaning; using the word "rainbow" to describe your plan (especially in light of some other issues I will point out) is not wise if you do no have an intentional pro-homosexual slant. Of course, if the homosexual lobby were not in the business of destroying the freedoms of association, speech and belief of all those who disagree with it, the Plan's title would not be an issue.

Second, statements like "no matter how diverse or opposing . . ." sound quite egalitarian, but it has been our experience that these words are often used as a door to give the homosexual lobby a platform -- to the demise of those who disagree with it.

The plan says "'Successful' does not simply imply economic prosperity, but rather includes social values. The 'RAINBOW' must provide for this parallel value system as well". This type of wording is routine nationwide for pro-homosexual policies, whether they be in business or public sector. A recent poll reported in the Colorado Springs GAZETTE Telegraph showed that the majority of citizens do not feel like the government should be in the business of messing with "social values." This statement all by itself is enough to make discerning citizens of Manitou Springs suspicious.

The ". . . heightened awareness of the 'community as a whole' concept by all factions", once again causes me to believe that the plan is about to impose a standard or belief which it knows faces opposition, and it is trying to let the wind out of the opposition sails right now. The word "diversity" is with out a doubt a buzzword for homosexuality.

The purpose statement uses a lot of words but actually says very little about the actual plan. This "wordiness minus content" is a dead ringer that something in the works is being hidden from the general public. Any business person will tell you that honest purpose statements will be short and to the point, not fluffy and ambiguous.

I realize your position is that the plan has not yet been developed. However, most folks know that a plan such as this will not develop out of thin air or through a plethora of community meetings. Those behind the inception of this "Rainbow Vision" already have a plan in mind. You know this and I know this. All that is left is getting the public, by hook or by crook, to buy it.

Please understand, it is not my intention to question the Planning Commission's motives. You may or may not be aware of these things. However, if it is not your intention to give off these signals and use these code words, I strongly suggest you revaluate the purpose statement. Also, it would be taken as a show of trust if your commission would publish the names and organizations behind developing the plan.

If you would like to respond to this letter, I will ensure our supporters get it for their information. Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,

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